

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3191 - HB 3138

March 19, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires health insurance plans to cover *smoking cessation products*. Excludes the TennCare program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/
Health Industry***

Assumes that some private health insurance plans do not presently cover such benefits. The number of such plans affected and the increased cost to such plans cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

The bill would not directly impact the state employee health plan or most local government health care plans, since self-insured plans are exempted by federal law (ERISA).

The TennCare program is excluded from provisions of the bill.

*The impact on the health industry is included as required by Chapter 244 of the Public Acts of 1989.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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